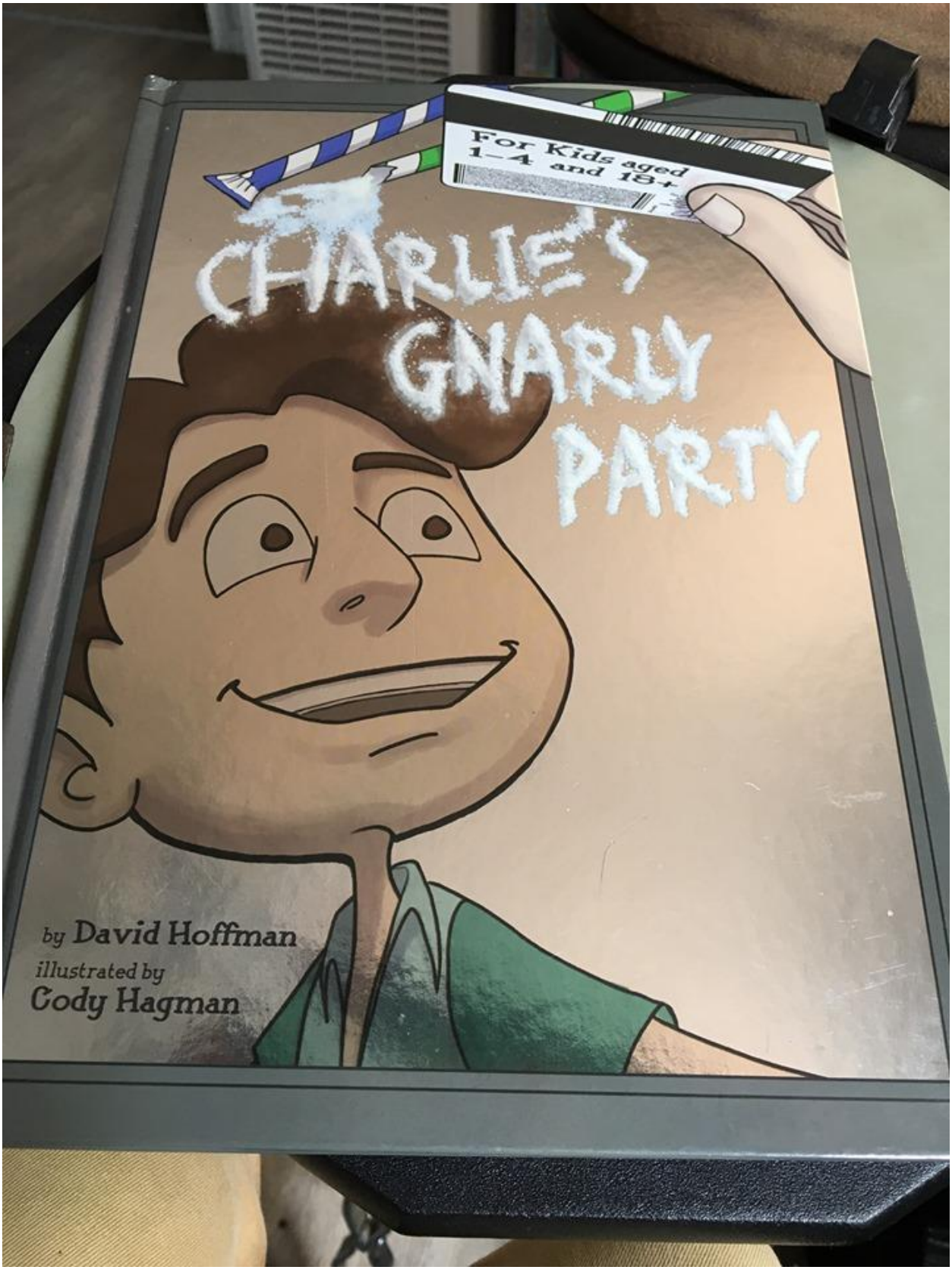
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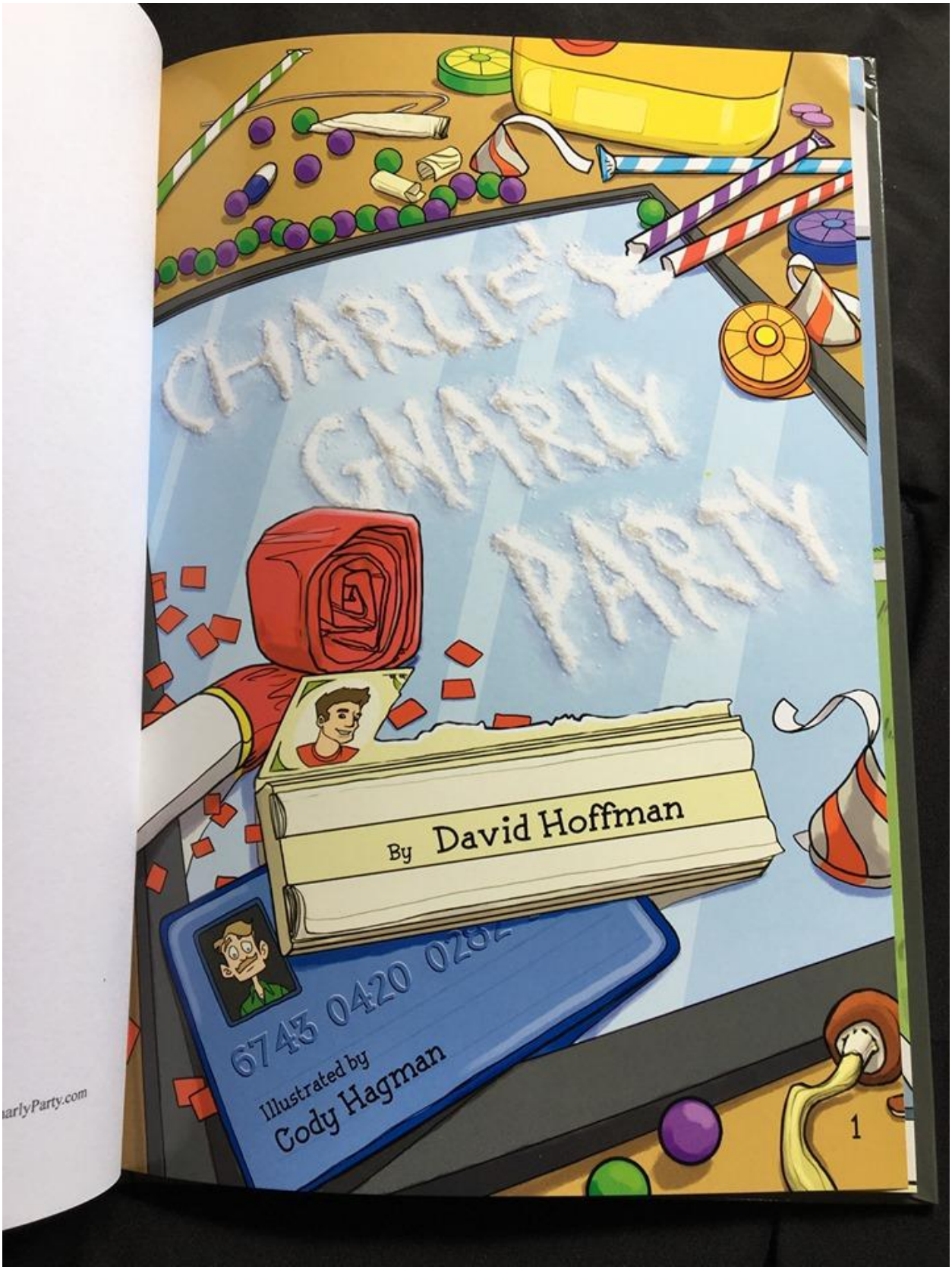
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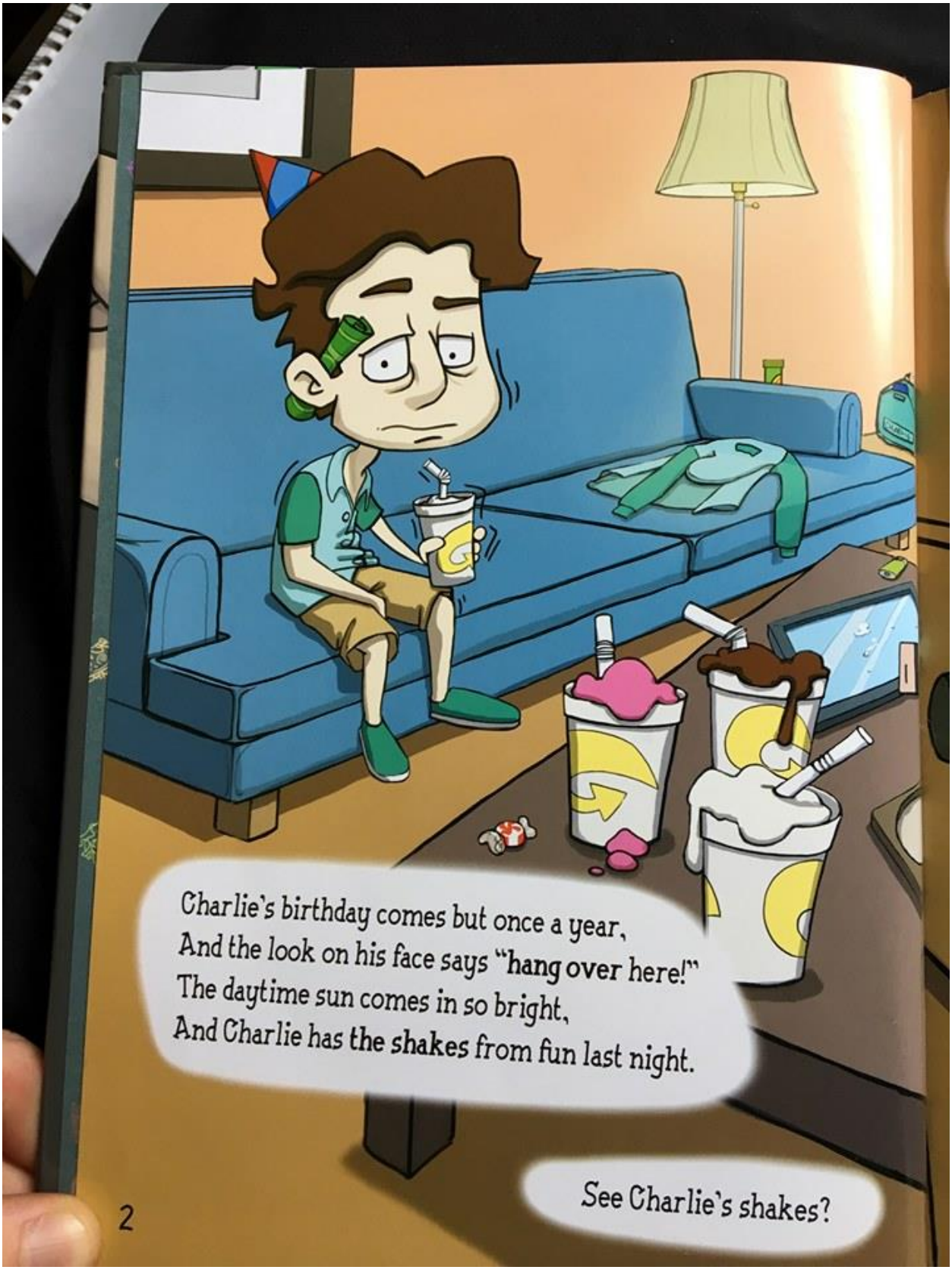
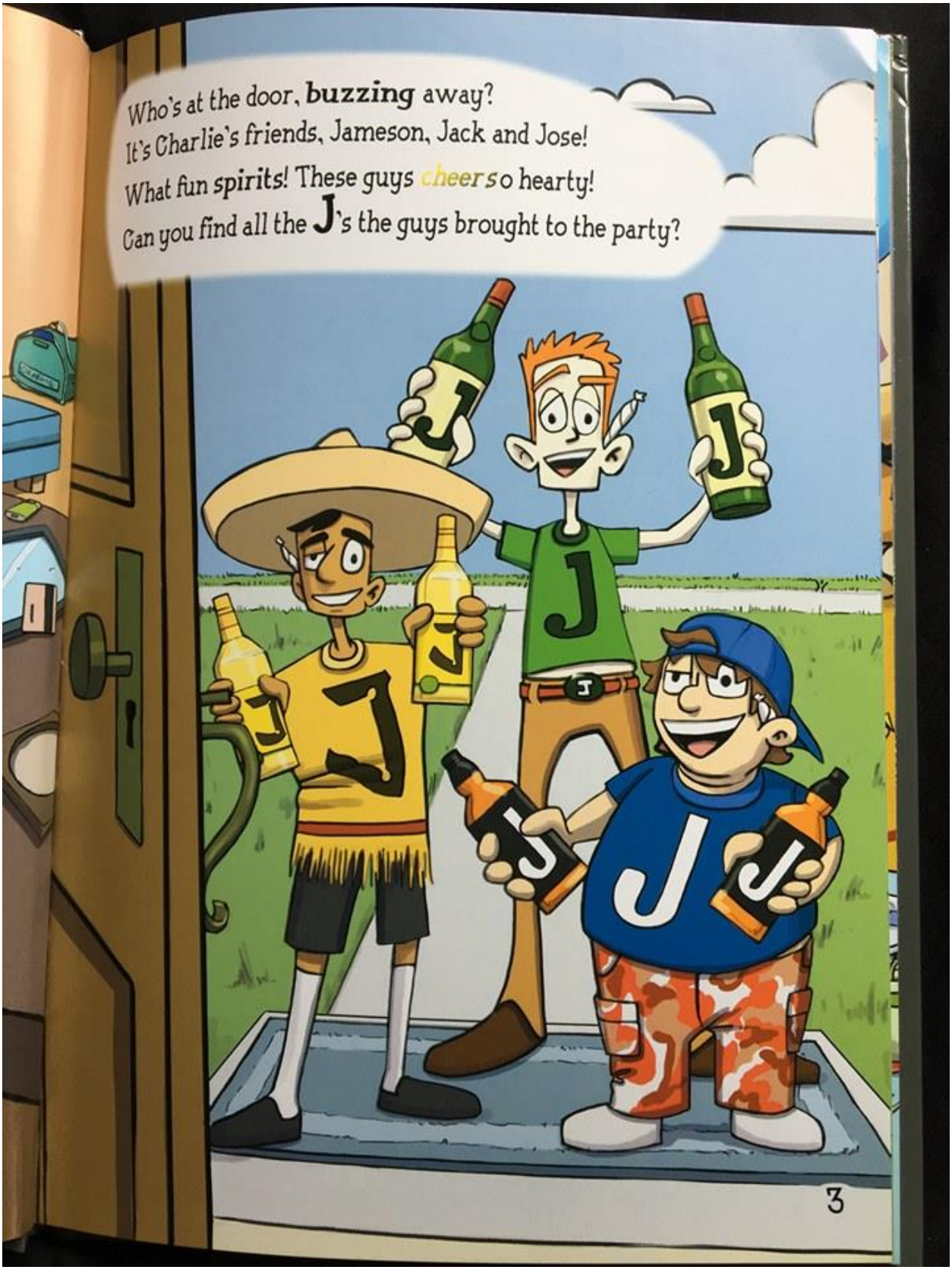

Charlie's birthday comes but once a year,
And the look on his face says "hang over here!"
The daytime sun comes in so bright,
And Charlie has the shakes from fun last night.
See Charlie's shakes?


Who's at the door, **buzzing** away?
It's Charlie's friends, Jameson, Jack and Jose!
What fun **spirits**! These guys cheerso hearty!
Can you find all the **J**'s the guys brought to the party?
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They share their **drinks** for Charlie's shakes,
Look at all those drinks that Charlie takes!
Charlie doesn't have the shakes anymore!
Is **another round** of friends at the door?
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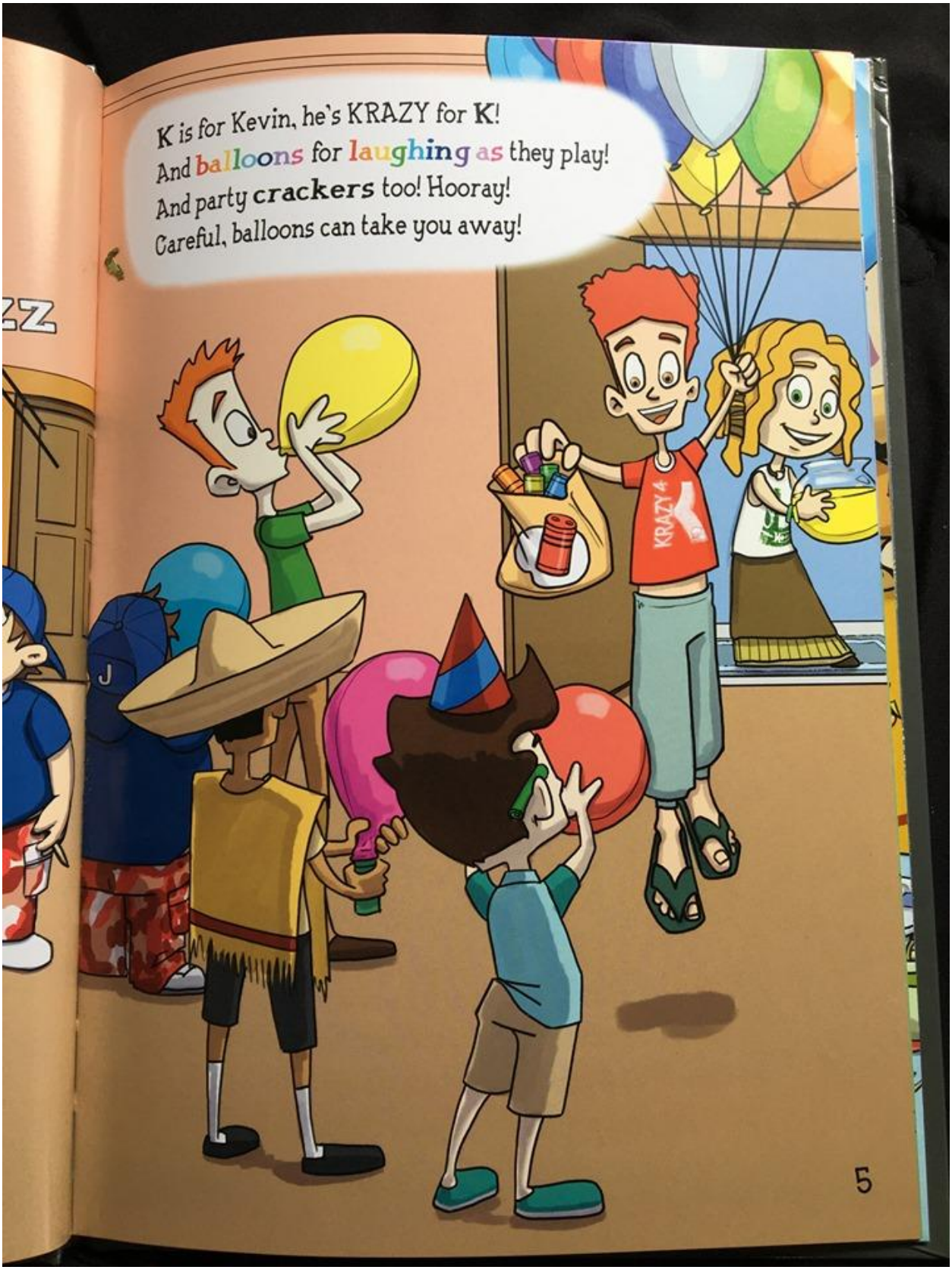
K is for Kevin, he's KRAZY for K!
And balloons for laughing as they play!
And party crackers too! Hooray!
Careful, balloons can take you away!
KRAZY
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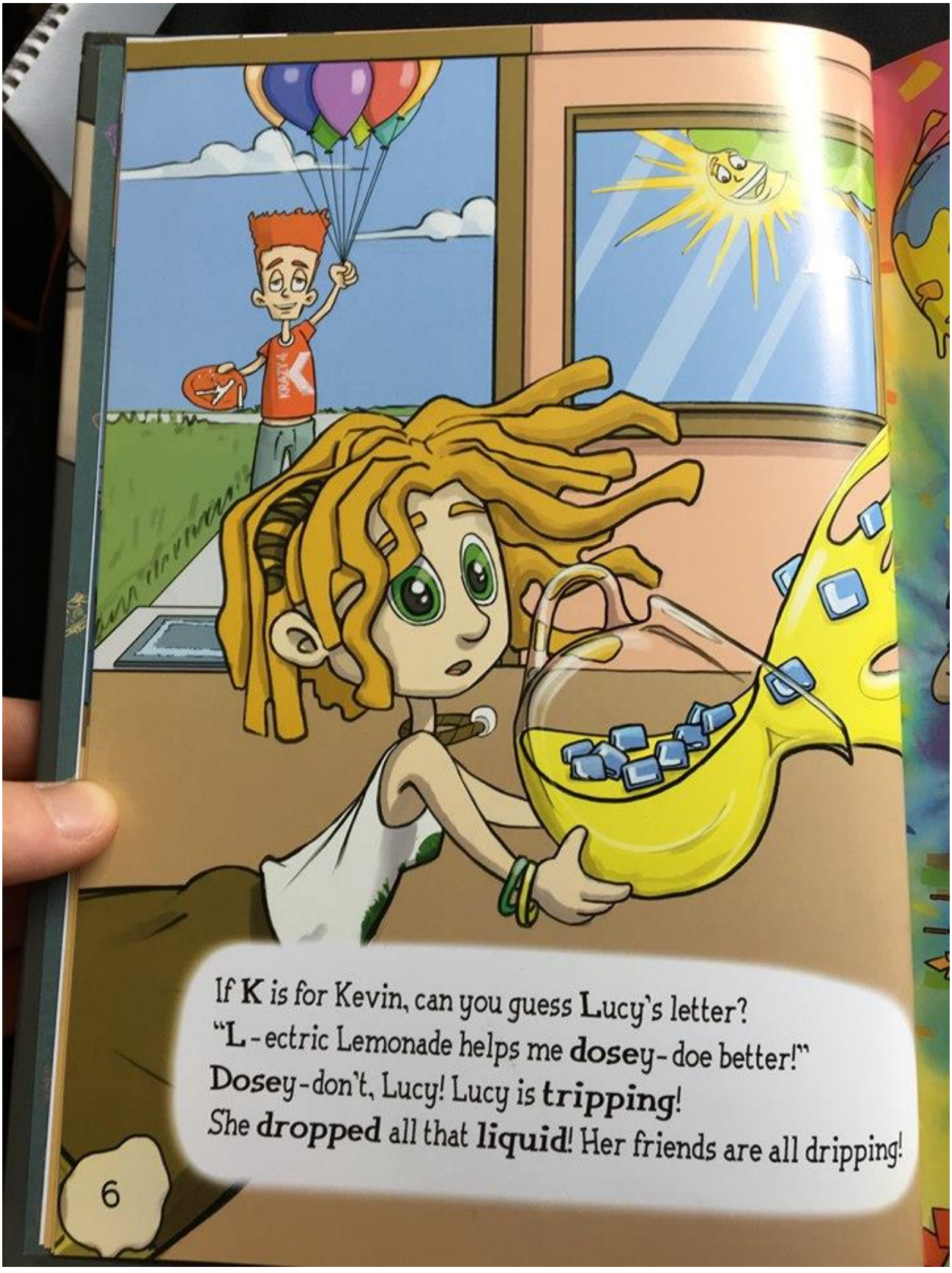
If **K** is for Kevin, can you guess **L**ucy's letter?
"**L**-ectric Lemonade helps me **dosey**-doe better!"
Dosey-don't, Lucy! Lucy is **tripping**!
She **dropped** all that **liquid**! Her friends are all dripping!
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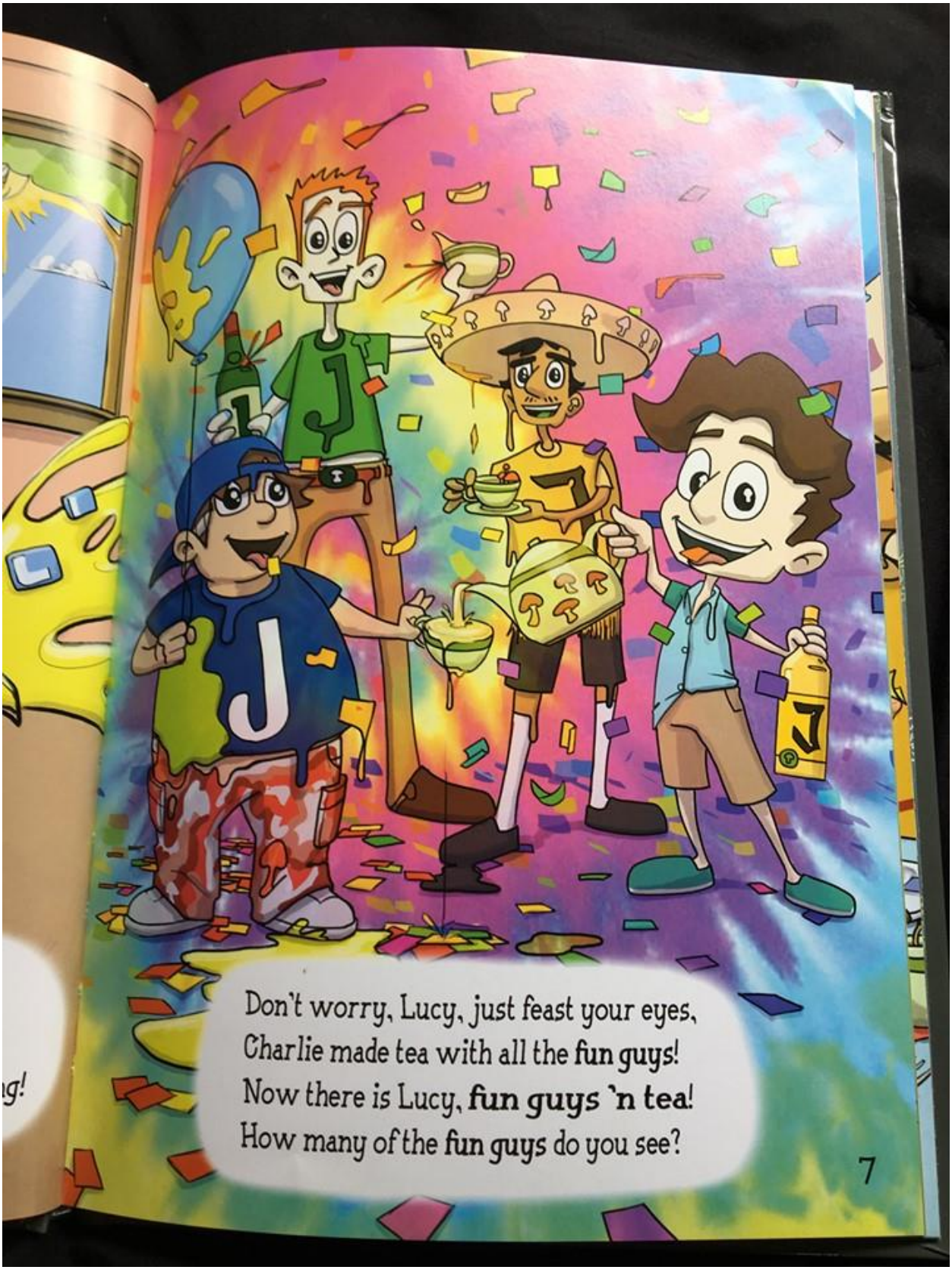
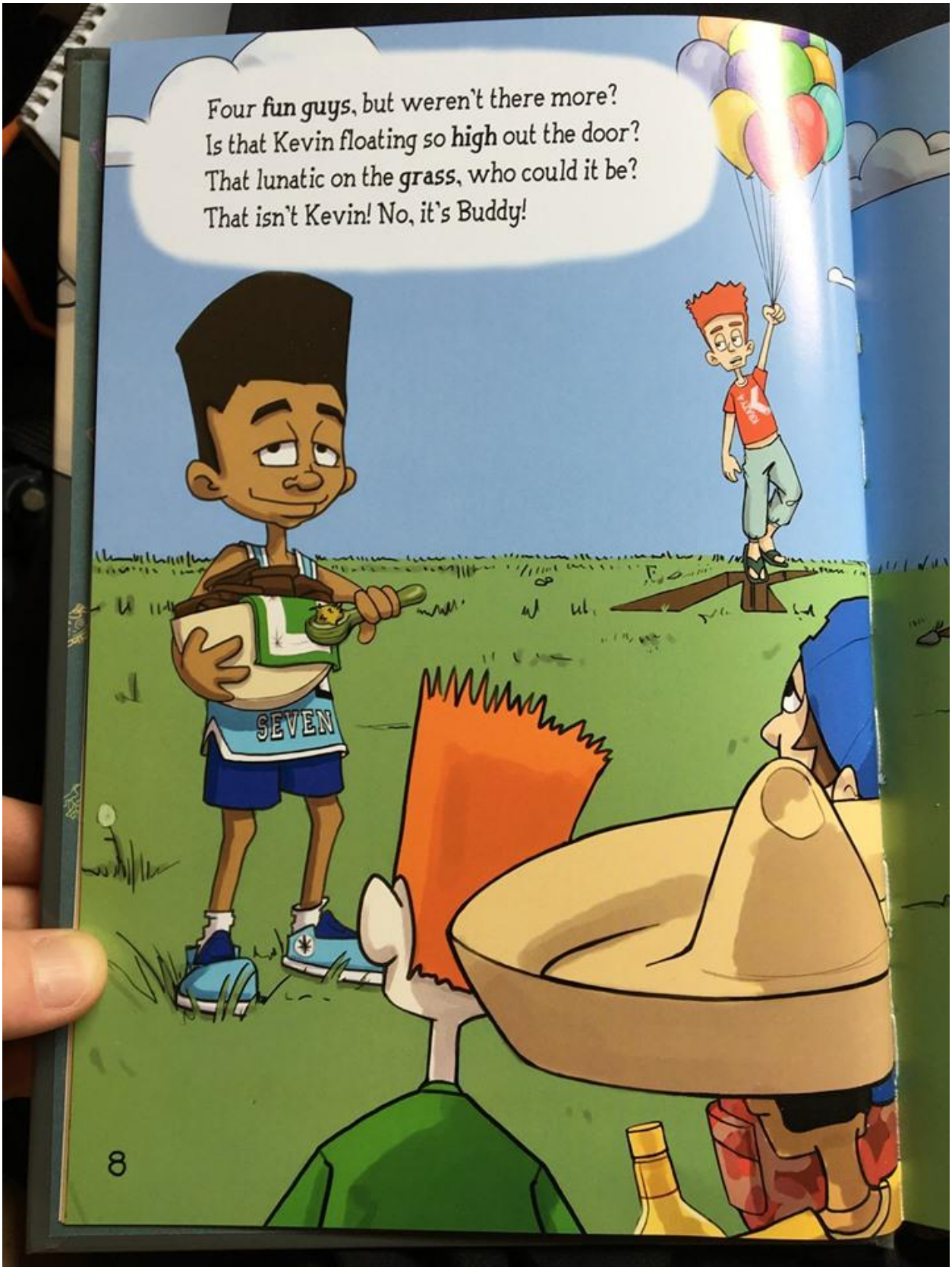


Don't worry, Lucy, just feast your eyes,
Charlie made tea with all the **fun guys**!
Now there is Lucy, **fun guys 'n tea**!
How many of the **fun guys** do you see?


Four fun guys, but weren't there more?
Is that Kevin floating so high out the door?
That lunatic on the grass, who could it be?
That isn't Kevin! No, it's Buddy!
SEVEN
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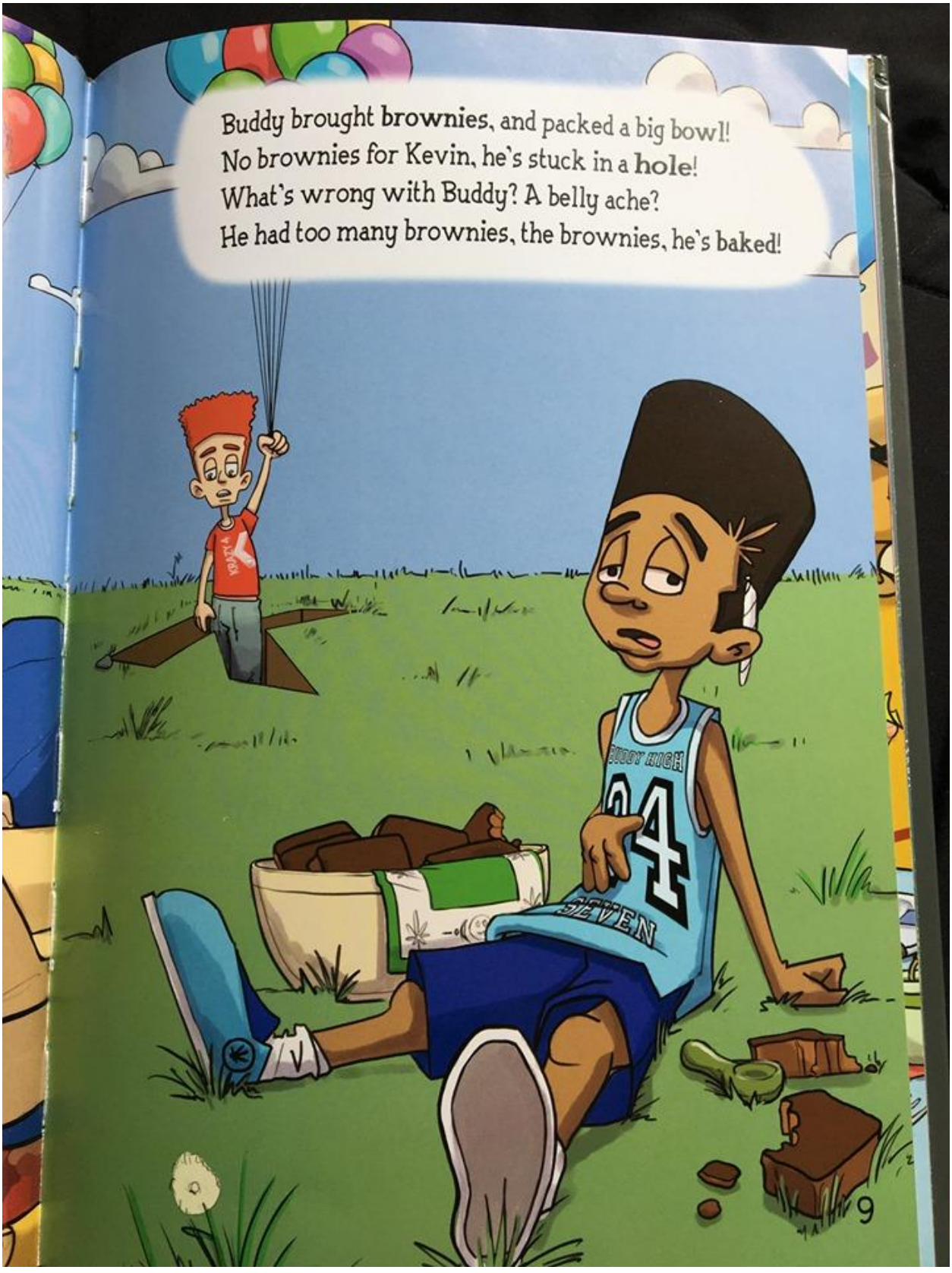
Buddy brought brownies, and packed a big bowl!
No brownies for Kevin, he's stuck in a hole!
What's wrong with Buddy? A belly ache?
He had too many brownies, the brownies, he's baked!
BUDDY HIGH
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SEVEN
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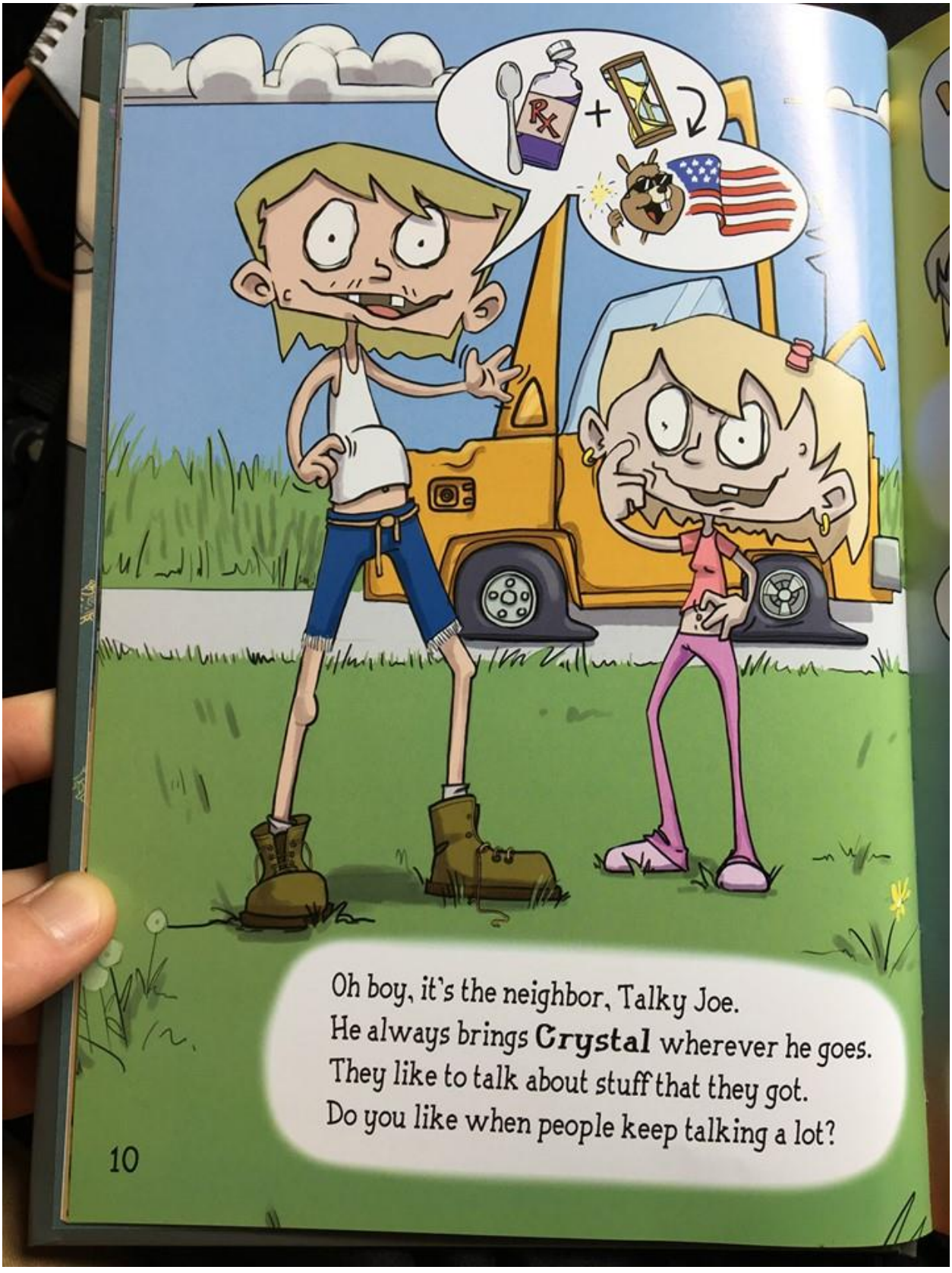
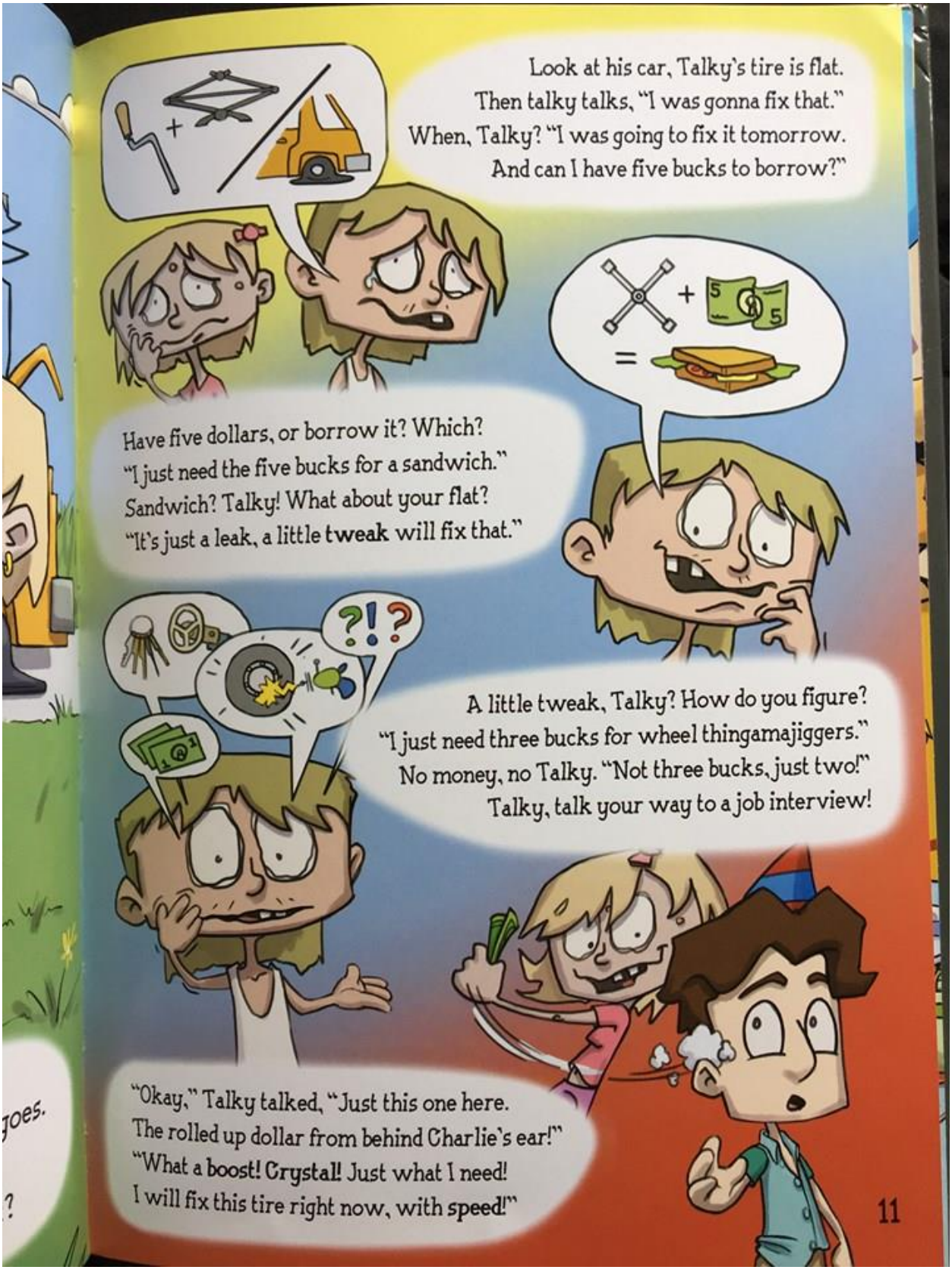


Oh boy, it's the neighbor, Talky Joe.
He always brings **Crystal** wherever he goes.
They like to talk about stuff that they got.
Do you like when people keep talking a lot?


Look at his car, Talky's tire is flat.
Then talky talks, "I was gonna fix that."
When, Talky? "I was going to fix it tomorrow.
And can I have five bucks to borrow?"
Have five dollars, or borrow it? Which?
"I just need the five bucks for a sandwich."
Sandwich? Talky! What about your flat?
"It's just a leak, a little tweak will fix that."
A little tweak, Talky? How do you figure?
"I just need three bucks for wheel thingamajiggers."
No money, no Talky. "Not three bucks, just two!"
Talky, talk your way to a job interview!
"Okay," Talky talked, "Just this one here.
The rolled up dollar from behind Charlie's ear!"
"What a boost! Crystal! Just what I need!
I will fix this tire right now, with speed!"
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And look who **rolled** up to this party ready!
Now there's three **E**'s in EvEryonE,
How many in EddiE?
Eddie loves everyone! "I love to **roll**!"
"I love rolling too!" Exclaims Talky Joe!
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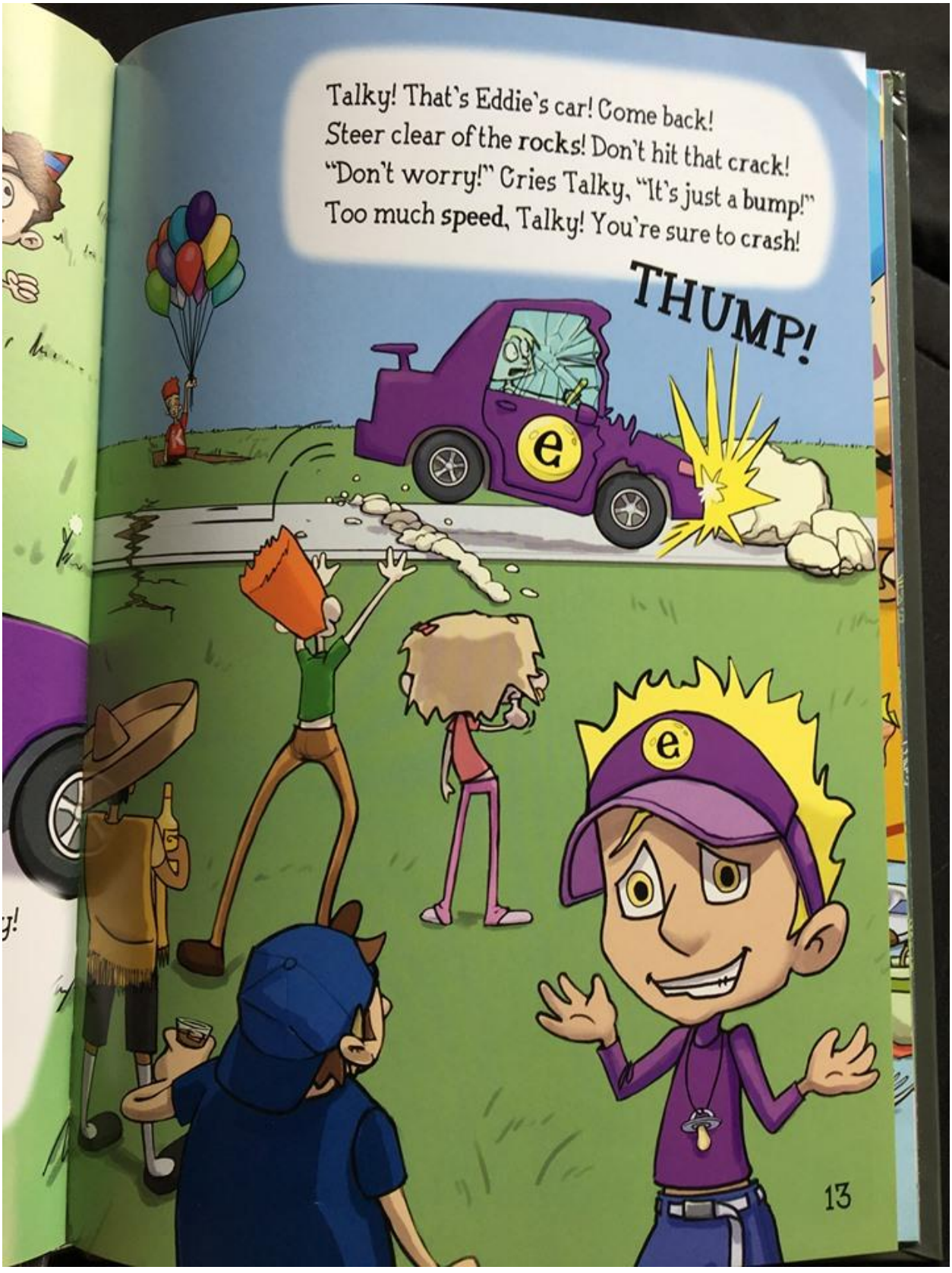
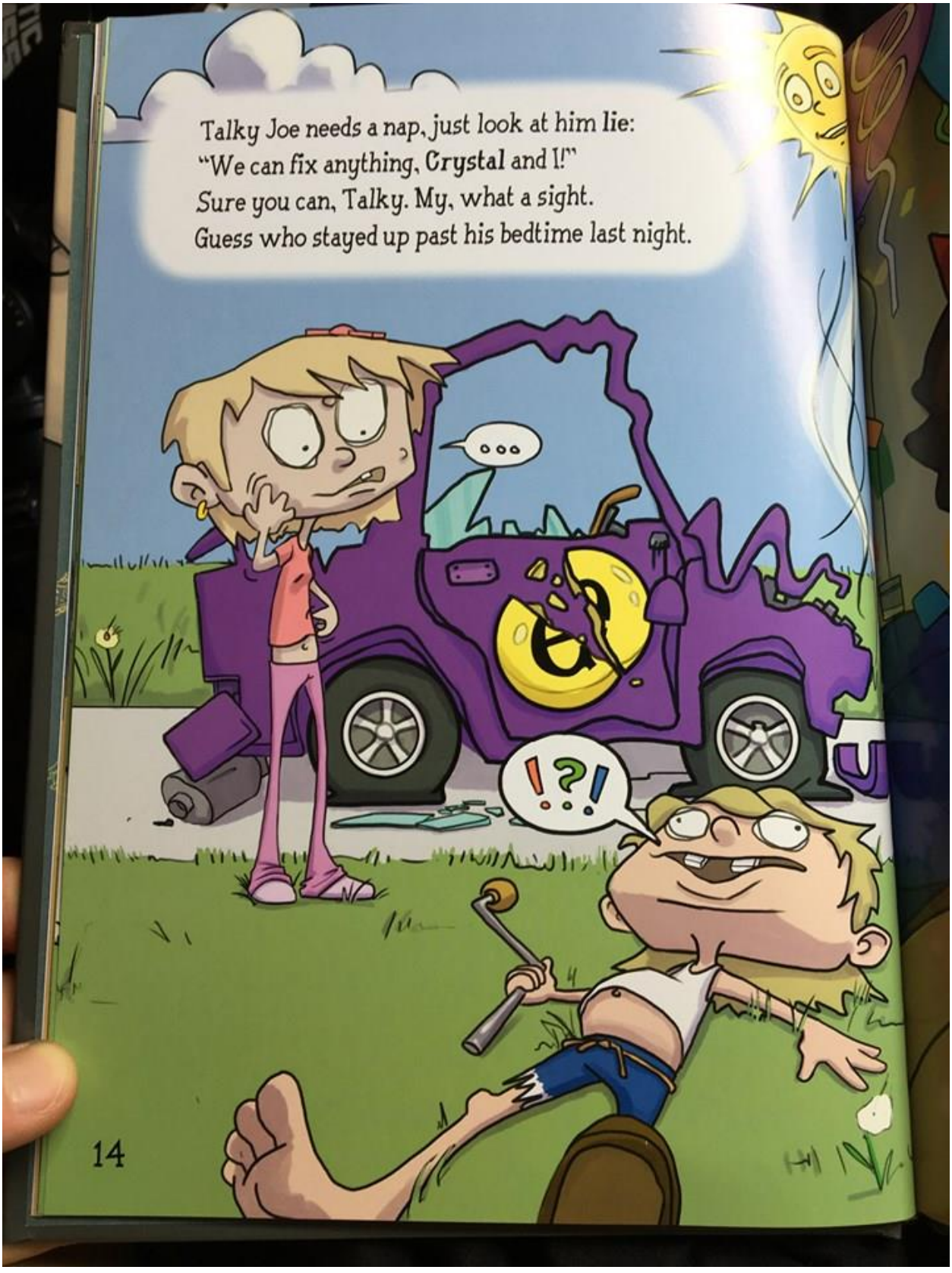

Talky! That's Eddie's car! Come back!
Steer clear of the rocks! Don't hit that crack!
"Don't worry!" Cries Talky, "It's just a bump!"
Too much speed, Talky! You're sure to crash!
THUMP!


Talky Joe needs a nap, just look at him lie:
"We can fix anything, Crystal and I!"
Sure you can, Talky. My, what a sight.
Guess who stayed up past his bedtime last night.
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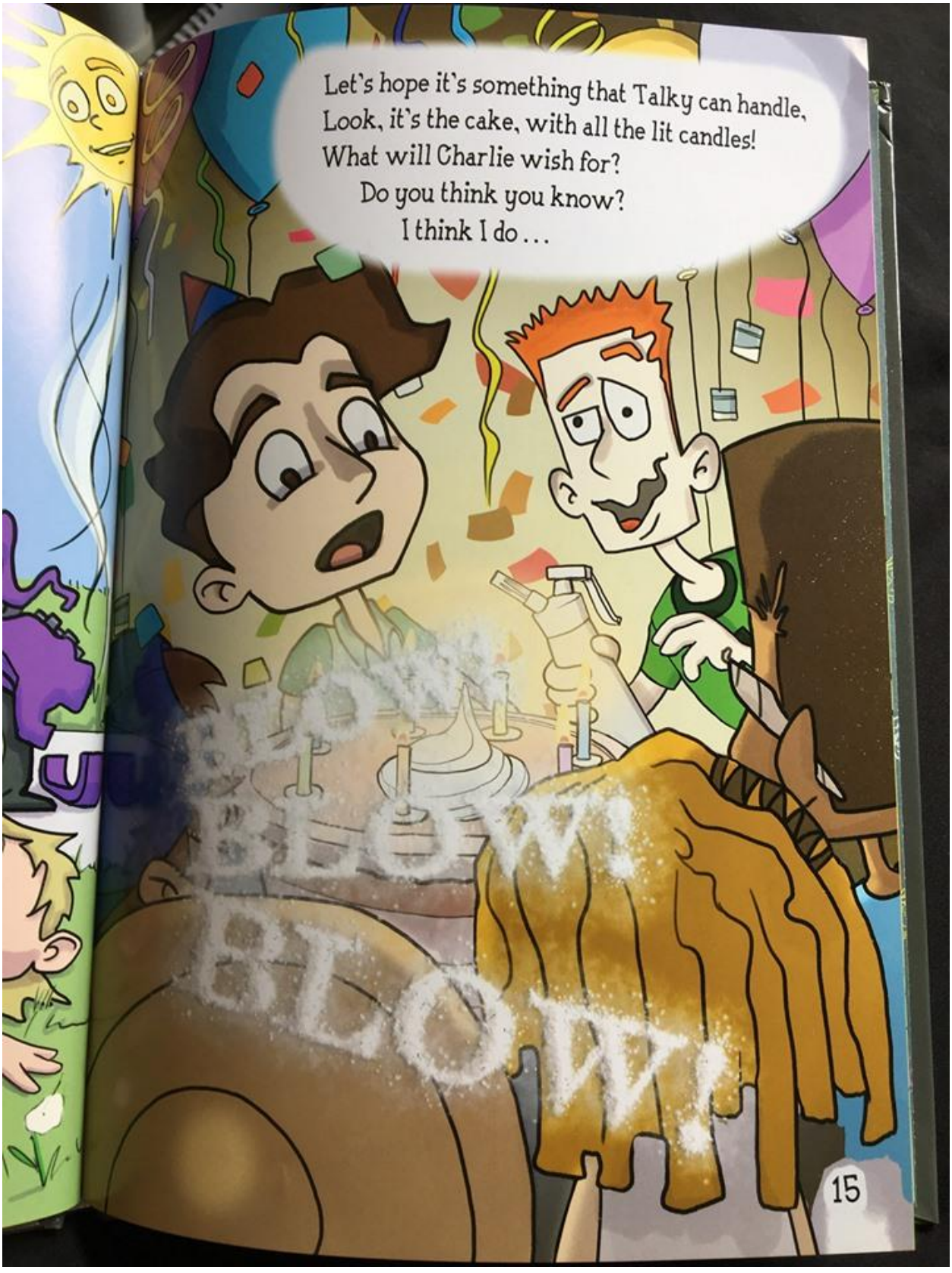
Let's hope it's something that Talky can handle,
Look, it's the cake, with all the lit candles!
What will Charlie wish for?
Do you think you know?
I think I do . . .
BLOW!
BLOW!
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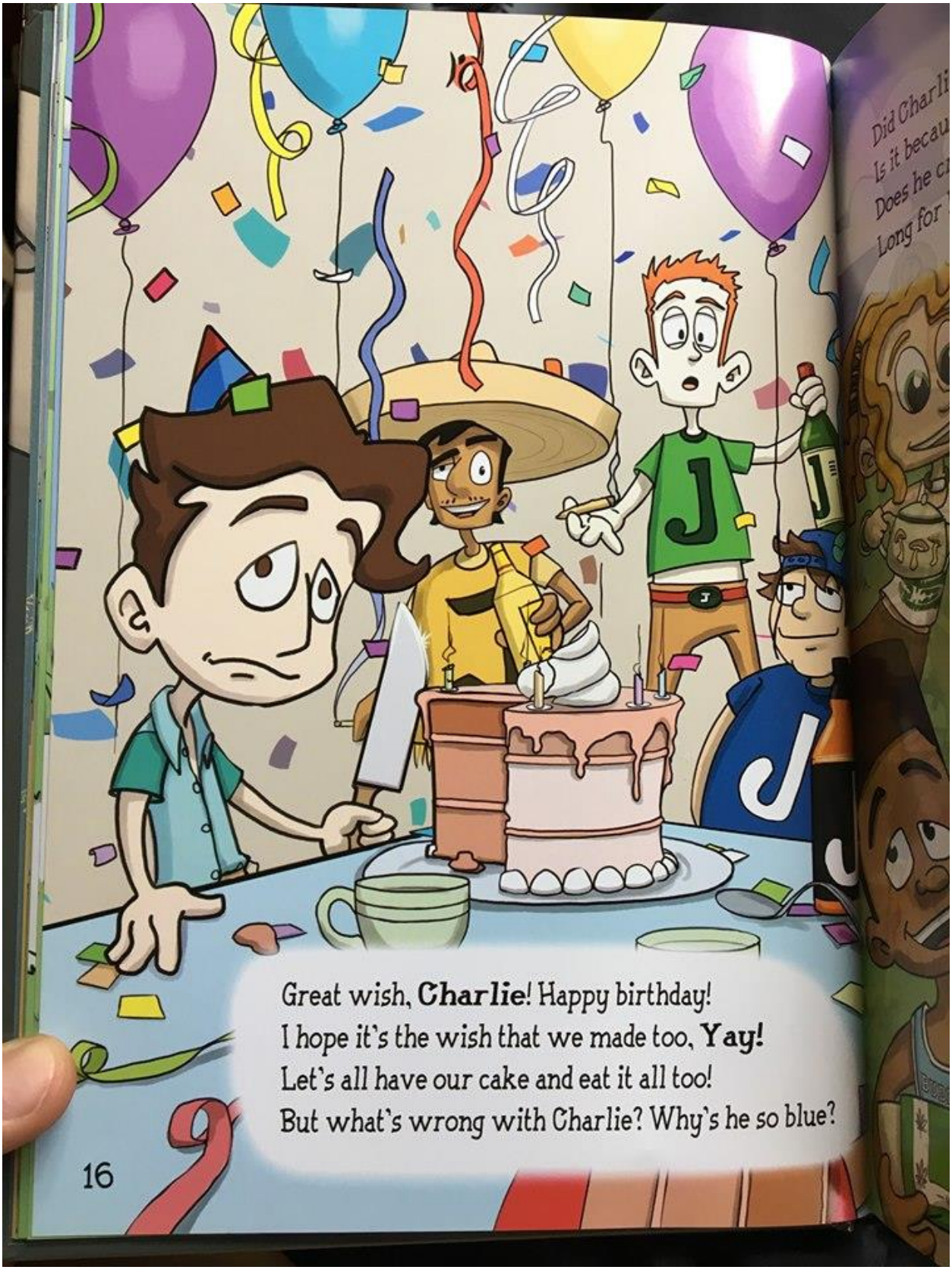
Great wish, **Charlie**! Happy birthday!
I hope it's the wish that we made too, **Yay!**
Let's all have our cake and eat it all too!
But what's wrong with Charlie? Why's he so blue?
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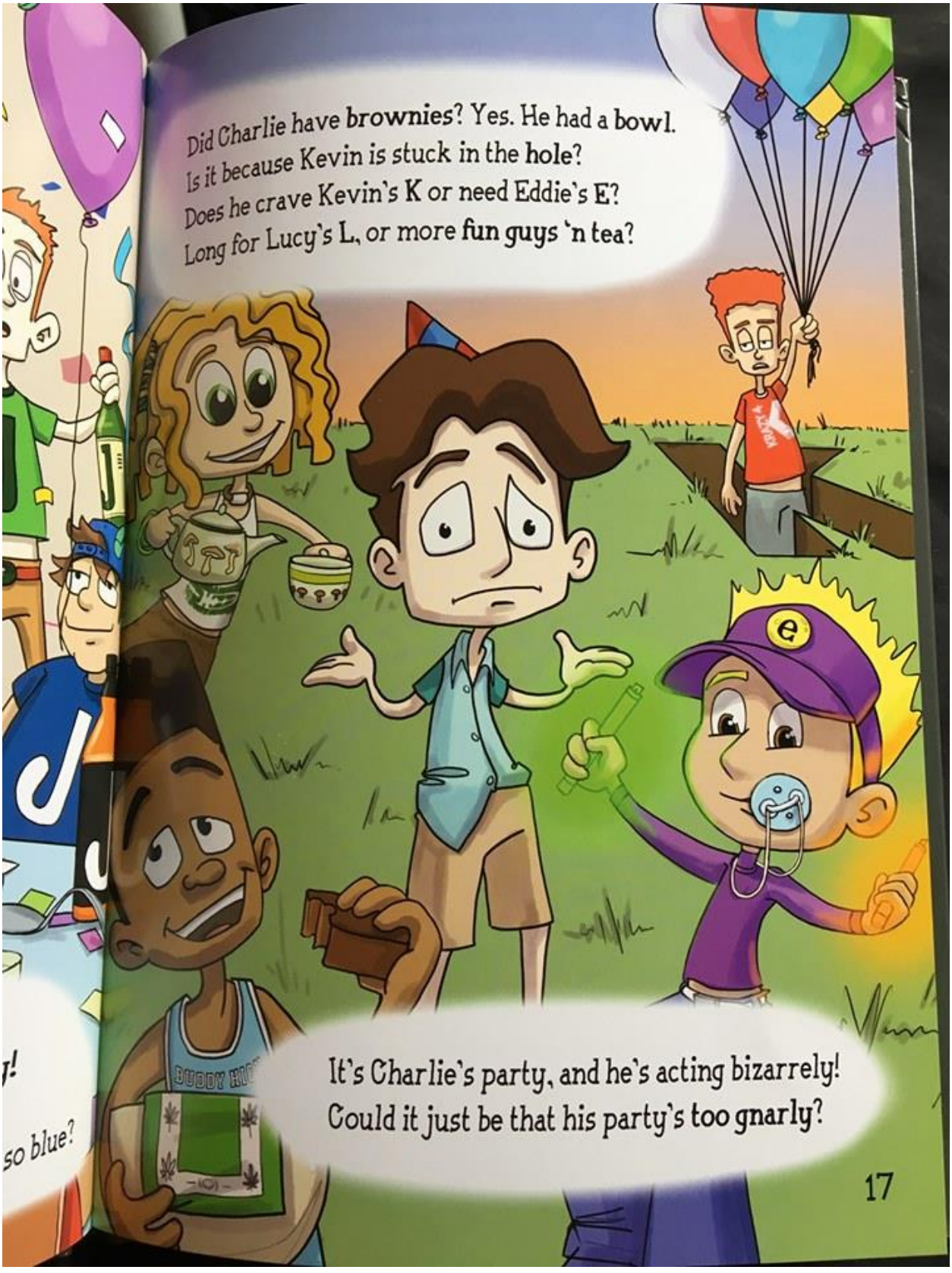
Did Charlie have brownies? Yes. He had a bowl.
Is it because Kevin is stuck in the hole?
Does he crave Kevin's K or need Eddie's E?
Long for Lucy's L, or more fun guys 'n tea?
It's Charlie's party, and he's acting bizarrely!
Could it just be that his party's too gnarly?
so blue?
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"Charlie, I fixed both cars better than new!
With a little leftover **crank** for you!"

"Thanks for the crank; I like L, K and E;
But it's what I wished for that's troubling me."
What was Charlie's wish? Why all the fuss?
"I wished for two more friends to party with us."
Knock Knock
And before Charlie said anything more,
Everyone heard a "knock knock" at the door.
Who's at the door? Nobody can wait!
Who else will help all of them celebrate?
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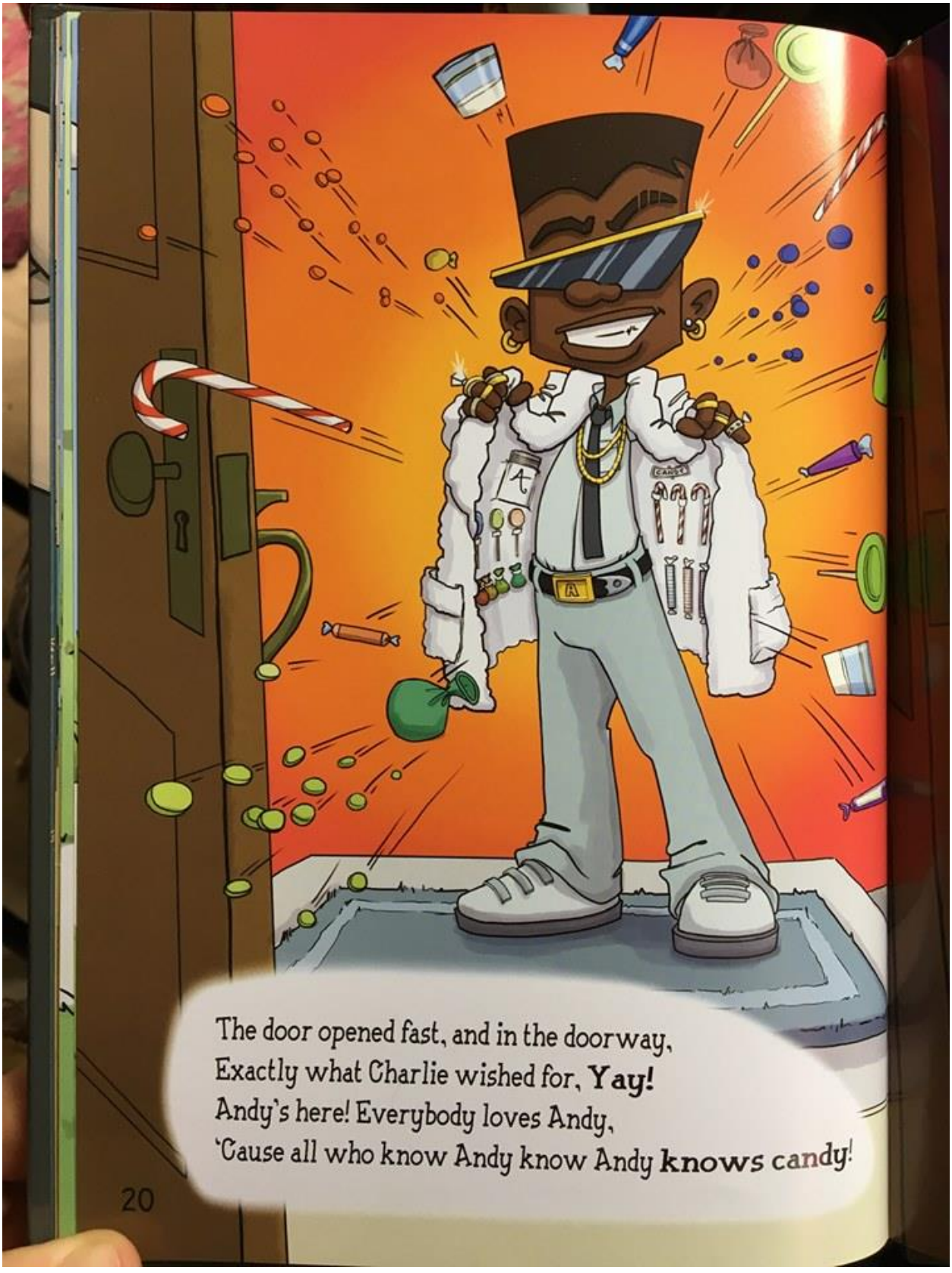

The door opened fast, and in the doorway,
Exactly what Charlie wished for, **Yay!**
Andy's here! Everybody loves Andy,
'Cause all who know Andy know Andy **knows** candy!

By golly! Now what could make them more jolly?
Andy brought everyone's best friend, Molly!
Yay! Yay! Yay! And another way to roll!
And just like that, Kevin's back out of his hole!
K

Charlie looked in the **mirror**, so happy to see,
"All my friends showed up to celebrate ME."
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With candy and Molly, they all exchanged hugs,
And loved one another on pillows and rugs.
KRAZY 4
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They all had balloons for Charlie's birthday;
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Jose, Jack and Jameson relaxed with their J's.
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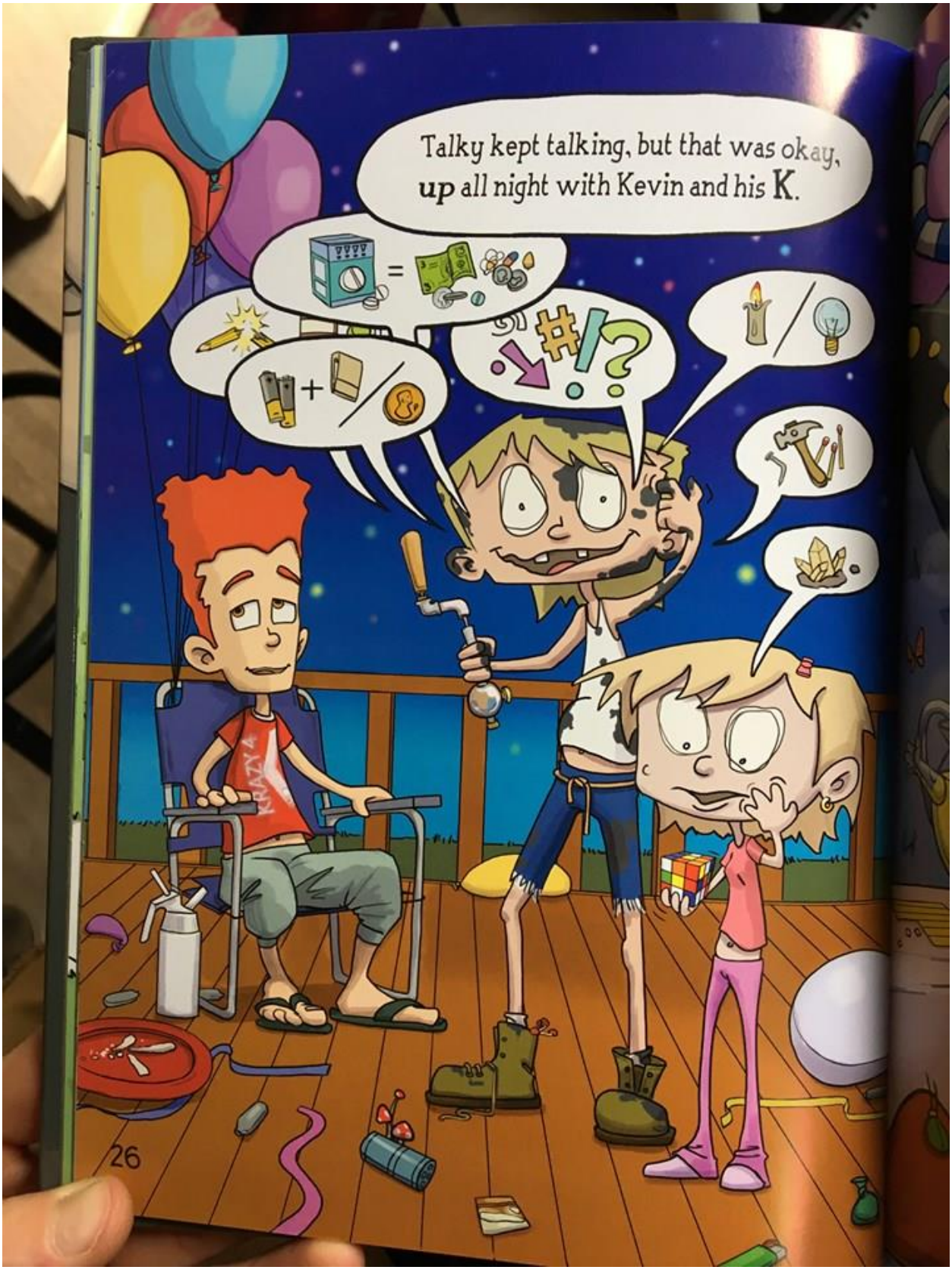
Talky kept talking, but that was okay,
up all night with Kevin and his K.
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s okay,
K.
And Lucy with her L drank Lemonade and tea,

And everyone danced with EddiE and his E's,
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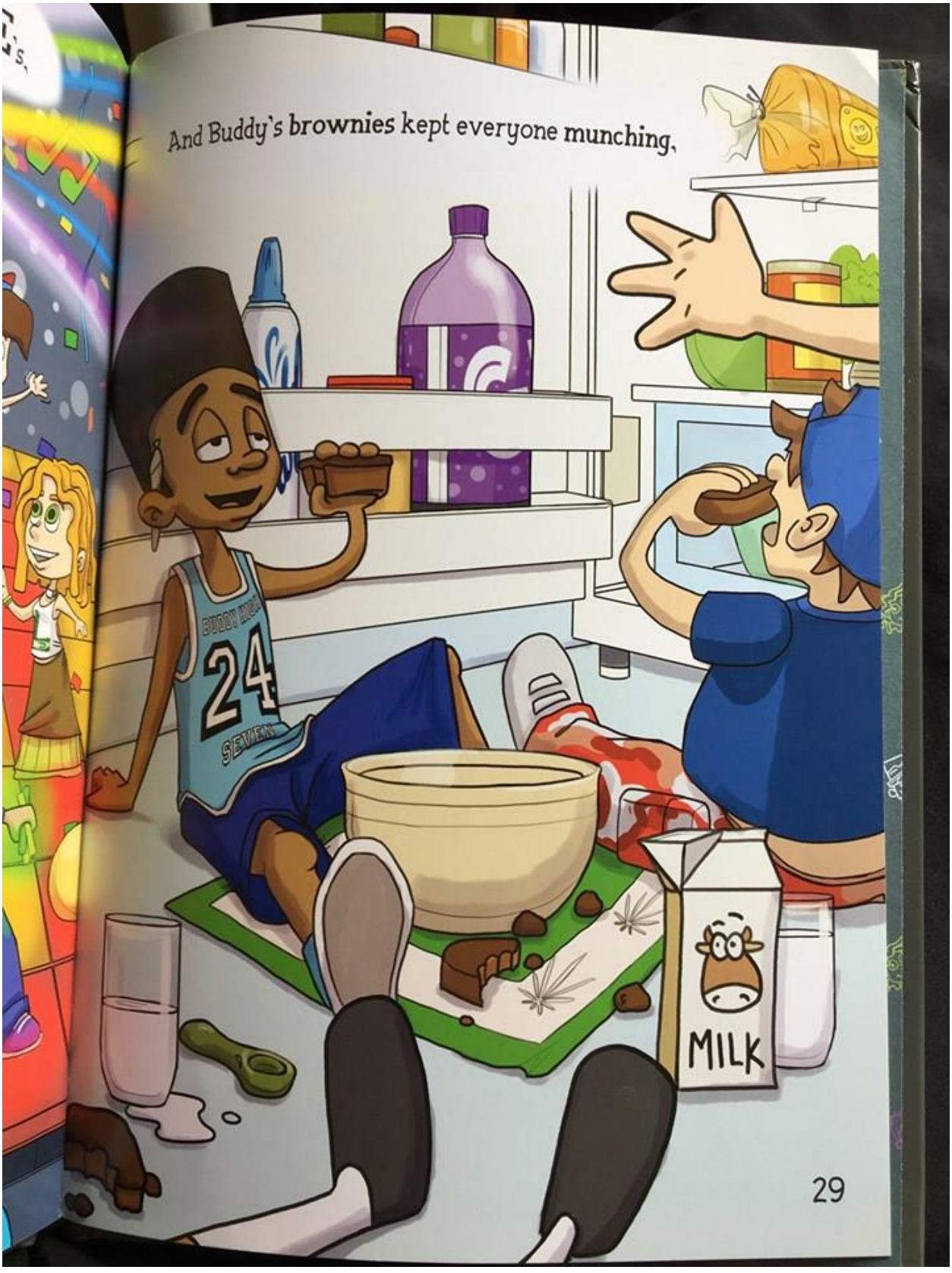
And Buddy's brownies kept everyone munching,
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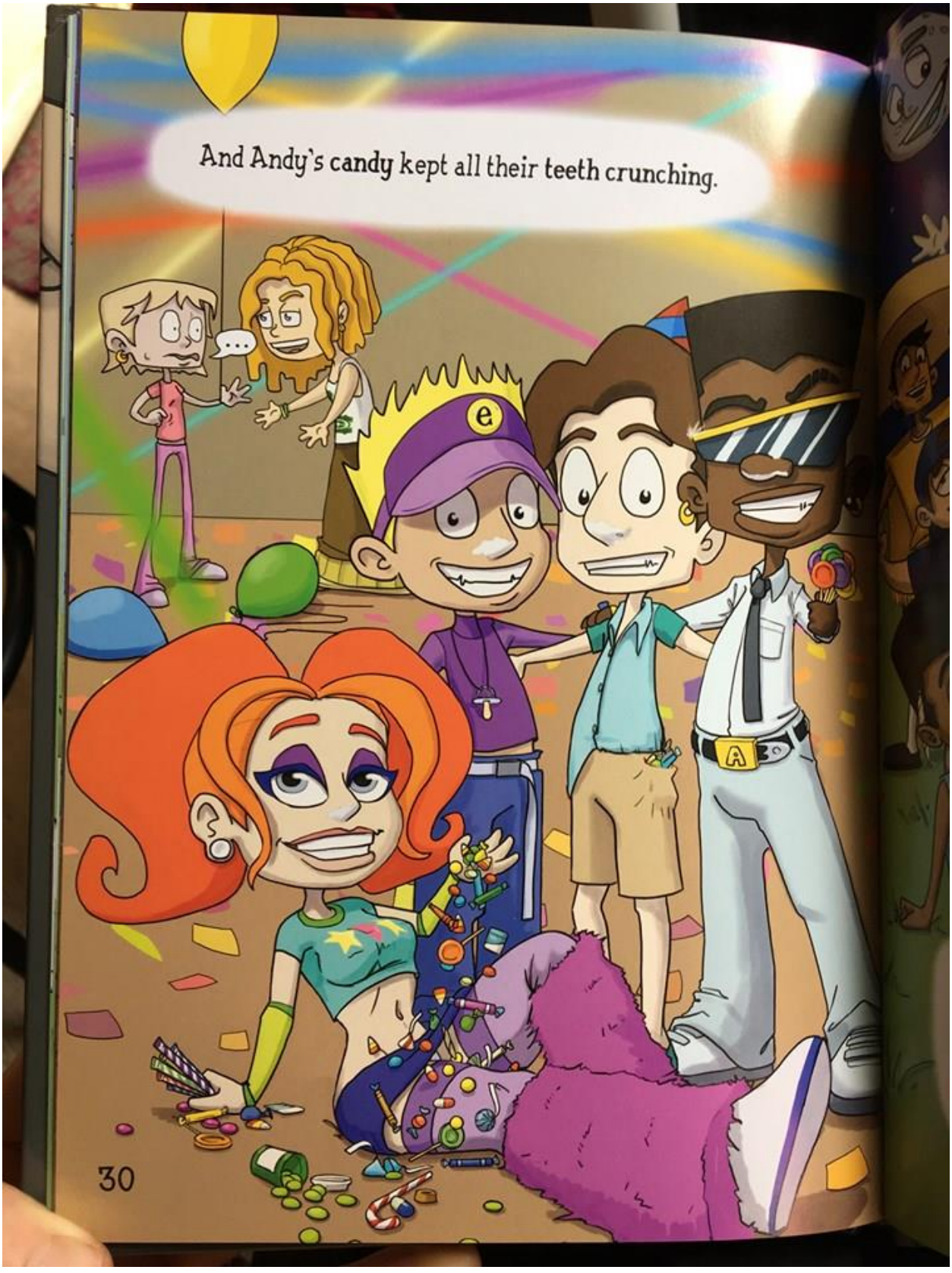
And Andy's candy kept all their teeth crunching.
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All Charlie's birthday wishes came true!
And when you're old enough, he'll invite you!
"This is the best birthday ever, with all of my friends!
I hope this party never comes to the end!"

THE
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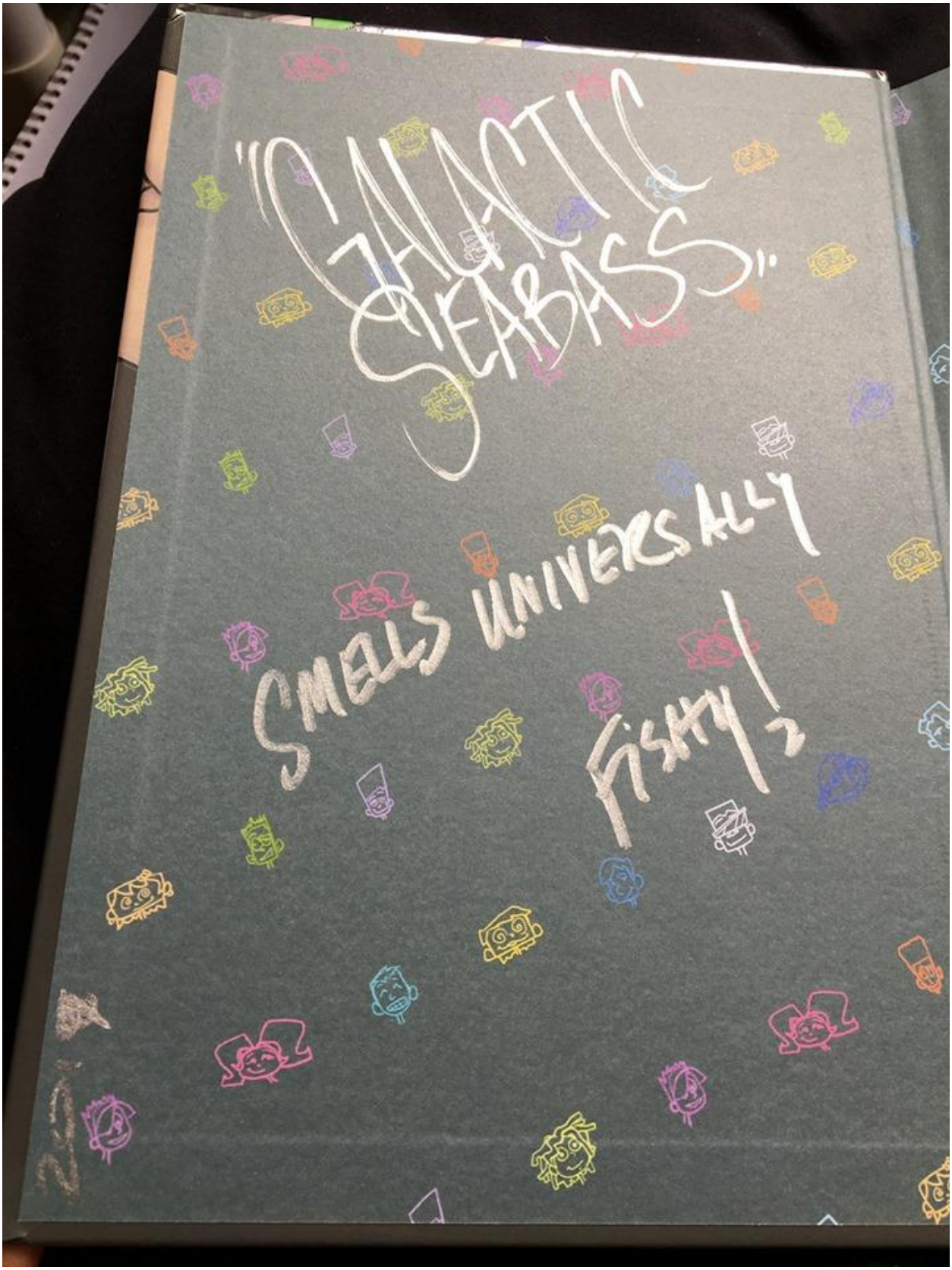
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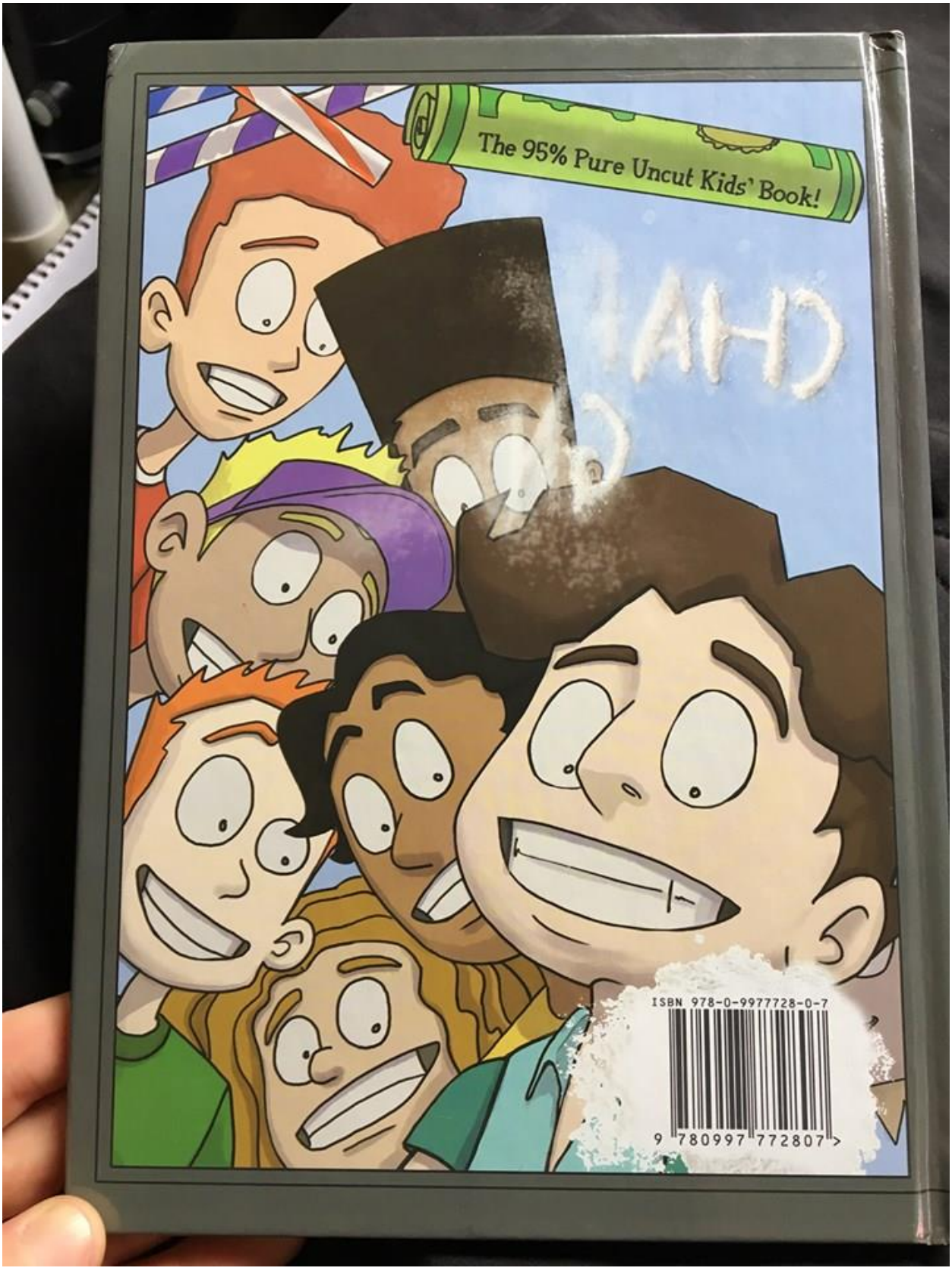
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